

March 29, 2007

To: All Concerned Individuals

From: Sheriff John W. Anderson

Topic: Baltimore City Sheriff's Scholarship Program

### **PROPOSAL**

The Maryland Sheriff's Institute (MSI) was founded in 1995 as part of the Maryland Sheriff's Association (MSA) for the purpose of providing a non-profit, charitable organization that has a 501C (3) status with the Internal Revenue Service. Following initial fundraising efforts, the MSI began a scholarship program in 1997 for students pursuing a career in criminal justice, law enforcement or similar programs. Funding for the scholarship program will be supported by special solicitations made to the MSI's Honorary Members.

### **THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office will award two \$500.00 scholarship awards to deserving students in Baltimore City area. Applicants must be enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a full-time undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university in the fall term 2007. Applicants who have earned an undergraduate degree or who are enrolled in a graduate program are not eligible. All applicants must have a minimum GPA of (2.7) on a (4.0) basis to be eligible to apply. The minimum GPA requirement applies to both high school and college students. Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the U.S. Military Academies or are awarded a full scholarship at any accredited U.S post-secondary institution of higher education are not eligible to receive funds from this program. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, books, lab fees, and other related expenses.

### **THE PROGRAM**

The Program will begin with the application process. The Baltimore City Sheriff's Office will have a Scholarship Managers Committee who will determine the winner of the

scholarship. The Committee will consist of Inspector Steven K. Williams, Executive Assistant to the Sheriff, Captain Gregory Jones, Courthouse Security Chief and Ms. Edna Taylor, Human Resource Recruitment Coordinator. For the 2007 program, recipients will be notified by letter on or about June 1, 2007. Scholarships will only be applied to the student's cost for the forthcoming school year, although a successful applicant may reapply under this scholarship program in succeeding years. Please note, Sheriff's and their families are not eligible for scholarships under this program.

### **GUIDELINES**

1. Attendance at an accredited university, college or community college.
2. Funds must be used for tuition or books.
3. Full-time students.

### **WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY**

Each application will include the following:

1. An official transcript indicating a cumulative GPA of (2.7) and above on a (4.0) scale.
2. A letter of recommendation.
3. A short TYPED essay on "Why I want to pursue a career in Law Enforcement"?